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want these committee amendments, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 656. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 22 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are not adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Jones and Beutler would offer AM2782. (See pages 273-75 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones, you are recognized to open on this amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to go through what I did awhile ago because that's what I was explaining awhile ago, so we'll start over again here. But this deals with the Federal Niobrara and Scenic River Designation Act, and this is 76 miles of river that is all in my district, includes the Cherry, Brown, Keya Paya, Rock counties, and this is a federal designation, but they say we can have the local control if we have a local council and show some good faith and get something started as far as a management plan. And so the council is all in place now and it's operating. They've had several meetings. And they had a meeting and voted 13 to 0 to accept this here amendment and try to get some up-front money to start out with. Right now they have the Game and Parks have given them \$24,000 and the counties, the four counties have given them \$1,000 just to have a little bit of money. But some of the things that they really need it for is the management plan and the cleanup along the river, administrator, and vehicle, and phones, and insurance, and help with the county roads along there for repairs because there's a lot more traffic along there now. And so hopefully that they can get some start-up money for that and get things to rolling because the federal government has been already submitted a budget, and they agreed that they will honor this budget, but nothing's going to come for this year. So they really...they're really behind the